

CHAPTER NO. 543

SENATE BILL NO. 2663

By Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2655

By Cooper, Miller, Henri Brooks

AN ACT relative to education and employment of non-violent offenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Department of Correction in conjunction with the Department of Personnel is hereby directed to study the issue of education and employment for persons convicted of non-violent criminal offenses. Such study shall include determining guidelines and qualifications for the state to consider in hiring non-violent criminal offenders including tests and security measures such offender would need to meet. Such study shall also include measures that need to be taken to increase educational and skills training at youth and adult detention facilities for non-violent criminal offenders. The departments shall jointly report the findings of the study to the Senate Education Committee and the House Education Committee by March 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 12, 2004**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR